STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 97-580 June 4, 2001

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION Investigation of Central Maine Power Company's Stranded Costs, Transmission and Distribution Utility Revenue Requirements, and Rate Design ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

On May 24, 2001, Central Maine Power Company (CMP or the Company) filed with this Commission, revised amendments to its Customer Service Agreements (CSAs) with American Tissue, BOC Gases and International Paper. These revised amendments were filed to comply with the Commission's May 3, 2001 Order on Reconsideration in the instant docket that requires CMP to reduce the distribution rates of certain CSAs by up to 0.8 ¢/kWh for the period April 15, 2001 through February 28, 2002.

In its May 3, 2001 Order, as allowed under 35-A M.R.S.A. § 107(4), the Commission delegated its authority to the Director (or Acting Director) of Technical Analysis to grant approval of CSAs filed in compliance with the Commission's March 28, 2001 and May 3, 2001 Orders in this Docket. I have reviewed the revised CSA amendments and found them to be in compliance with those Orders.

Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority, I will grant approval of the revised amendments to the American Tissue, BOC Gases and International Paper CSAs filed on May 24, 2001. Because the copies filed with the Commission on May 24, 2001 were unsigned by the affected customers, my approval is conditioned on the final, executed versions being identical to the versions filed by the Company on May 24, 2001, modified only by inclusion of the signatures. The Company must file copies of the executed versions with this Commission upon their completion.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 4th day of June, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS
Faith Huntington

¹CMP initially filed an amendment to its CSAs with these customers on May 15, 2001. However, Commission Staff raised concerns with the mitigation method reflected in the initial filing and the Company filed these revised amendment to address those concerns.